



MAPLE VALLEY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by **Scott NS7C**

Spring is here -- and just to make sure no one missed the arrival, we had an absolutely beautiful first day of spring. I missed the official "End Of Winter" motorcycle ride on Saturday, but my yard looks better for it and the early vegetables are planted in the garden.



Spring also marks the beginning of a new year for MVARC. The April meeting, designated as the Annual Meeting, is the end of our fiscal year. The April meeting is also the election meeting for new club officers. As our current year draws to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the activities the club sponsored and look forward to the changes we might want to make in the future. In the coming weeks we will be putting together an online survey for club members to comment on and rank the activities the club has sponsored in the past and possible new activities we may pursue. Watch for an announcement on how to access the survey in the newsletter, website, and on the weekly net, and then please participate. The club officers will use the information gained to plan for the new year.

This is also a good time to reflect on your personal participation in club activities, to consider how you might become more active and explore more of what the club has to offer. Participation is the life blood of our club! There are many activities you might want to consider. Let me suggest a few:

Next club meeting is on **Saturday March 27th at 10:00 AM at Fire Station 81. Mark it on your calendar. Bring your Show and Tell.**



1. Run for a club elected office.
2. Write an article for the club newsletter.
3. Do a special presentation at a club meeting.
4. Act as net control for the weekly net.
5. Join the ARES team.
6. Work communications at the Maple Valley Days parade.
7. Represent the club at the Maple Valley Days booth.
8. Attend the club Field Day event.
9. Work any of the Public Service events where the club provides communications.
10. Attend the annual club picnic and holiday party.

At the March meeting next Saturday we are planning a "Show and Tell" members event. We are encouraging everyone to bring along whatever radio-related project you are working on these days. Show us your work and spend a few minutes explaining it. See you Saturday!

-Scott

The Maple Valley Amateur Radio Club is a group of amateur radio enthusiasts in the greater Maple Valley area who meet and engage in activities to further the advancement of this hobby for the good of ourselves and the community. Everyone is welcome at the monthly meetings. A simplex net is held each Tuesday evening at 8:00 PM on 146.54 MHz.

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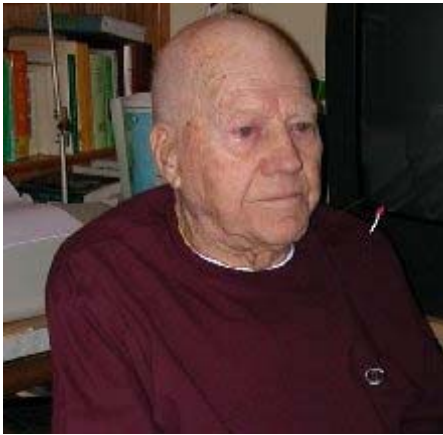
In the event of an emergency in the area, amateurs are encouraged to check in and or monitor at 10 minutes past even hours on 146.54 MHz simplex to provide status or ask for assistance.

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Goodbye to PAUL, W6FAT, Williams

Editorial by Larry, KE7MPR

On Dec. 3, 2009, amateur radio lost a long-time and very active participant. The relationship between Paul and amateur radio was mutually beneficial. Paul's interest in radio at age 12 eventually led him to



amateur radio, and it was his active involvement with hams that encouraged him to continually learn more about radio and all things electronic. As a young man during the Depression years he continually gained ever more responsible jobs by always learning as much as he could from the people he worked with and for. He designed from scratch, fabricated, tested, installed, and maintained the first patrol car transceivers and base station for the San Diego, CA sheriff's department because his boss in the San Diego electrical dept. had confidence that he could do the job better than the only commercial alternative, RCA.

When WWII came along Hughes Aircraft (later Electronics) Co hired him. During his 28 years there he was involved with radio and electronic development which utilized his competency as a machinist, carpenter, scientist, and radio operator. He installed radios in the Spruce Goose, Howard Hughes'

wooden transport aircraft.

Paul was a real renaissance man with an amazing number of interests and hobbies, including trout fishing, camping, gardening, woodworking, rock-hounding and lapidary, as well as travel, languages, photography, carpentry, machining and computers. He could design and fabricate and fix almost anything. Plus, he made the best pancakes in the world, always seeking to improve on his already wonderful recipes.

After he and his wife of 71 years moved to Enumclaw from Southern California., he sought out MVARC, and enjoyed checking in each week with the same call letters he was assigned in 1931. He didn't let the fact that he was legally blind stop him from doing many of the things he enjoyed, including using the table saw, as he said, by touch.

It is unfortunate that his involvement with MVARC was so short and came in his twilight years. We will miss Paul, his yearning to know how things worked, and his interest in making them work better. Some of us were fortunate to celebrate his 100th birthday with him at our July picnic and meeting two years ago. That was very fitting, because of all the organizations and groups he was involved with over his 101 years, he always said that he most enjoyed the company of hams.



Communications Academy Early Bird Registration Ends Sunday

Communications Academy, April 10-11, 2010 at South Seattle Community College. For more information and to register go to

<http://www.commacademy.org>

Early Bird rates through March 28, 2010, \$5 more thereafter.

Groups of 5 or more get a 10% discount.



SIMPLEX NET

by Chuck, KK7CB
Sto99@msn.com



Simplex net every Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on 146.540 MHz. ARES checkins as well. If any NCS has a conflict with these dates, please substitute at will, but let Chuck know at Sto99@msn.com



Net Control Stations

April	6	Chuck	KK7CB
	13	Rich	KE7MPJ
	20	John	N7SPN
	27	Open	
May	4	Gary	KB7VDG
	11	Richard	KR7L
	18	Chuck	KK7CB
	25	Rich	KE7MPJ

Check-ins from Feb.23 through Mar.16, 2010

KK7CB	Chuck
AC7NP	Dale
N7VOE	Dan
KC7HVV	Dick
N7BVT	Doug
KF7ACL	Duke
KB7VDG	Gary
KR7JWL	Jerry
N7MU	Jim
N7SPN	John
KC7MPI	Marsha
AE7MK	Matt
KE7WVP	Mike
N7UIC	Mike
KF7AOR	Paul
KC7CLI	Peggy
WA7ZWD	Phil
KE7FCE	Rich
KE7MPJ	Rich
KR7L	Richard
WB6AWO	Rick
WE7X	Rod
KF7ACR	Ron
KE7MAI	Ryan
NS7C	Scott
KE7MPO	Skip
W7OXB	Tom
KE7WVO	Wayne

OUR ELMER GROUP

Our Yahoo Elmer Group provides a forum for technical discussions (Elmering) and also planning for club activities. The Group can be found at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mvarc_elmers

To post a message, email to:

Mvarc_elmers@yahoo.com

To subscribe send email to:

Mvarc_elmers-subscribe@yahoo.com

To unsubscribe:

mvarc_elmers-unsubscribe@yahoo.com

Questions? Contact Scott NS7C



Last VE Test Session

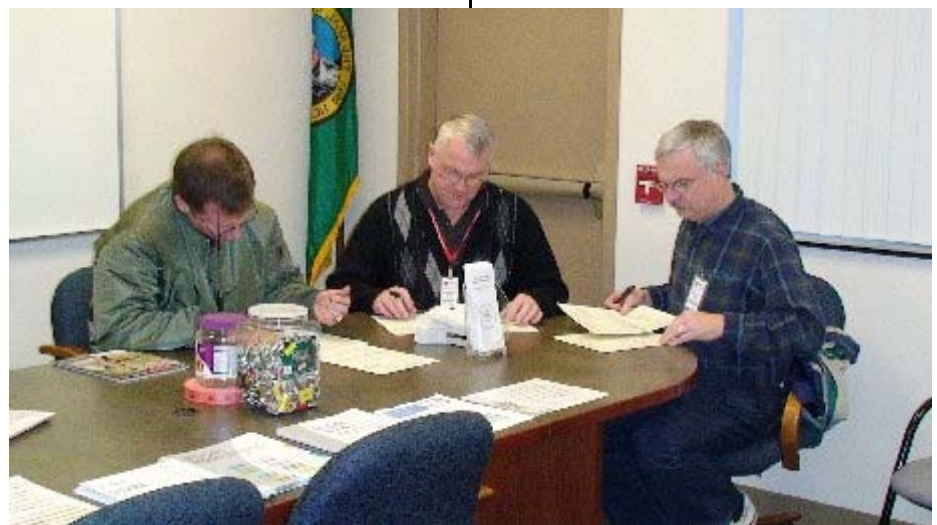
VE TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to the new hams on passing the final exam! Here is a recap of the class:

The class had 12 students at the start, 3 dropped out due to scheduling issues, 1 already had their license and was taking the class as a refresher, 1 took and passed the test prior to the end of class, and 7 took and passed the test last Tuesday night.

You all worked hard, and it showed on your test scores which were all very good. I have been watching the FCC website and your callsigns have hit the database:

- KF7IQO Kyle Hall
- KF7IQP Nayna Laird
- KF7IQQ Kerwin Manuel
- KF7IQR Tammy Miller
- KF7IQS Scott Sikes
- KF7IQT Charles Slightam
- KF7??? Ray Holt
- KF7HYL Daniel Whitted
- KE7MES Jeanne Yearian



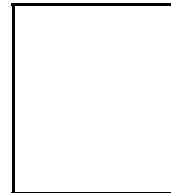
Volunteers Examiners Hard at Work



Remember! ARES Team members check in for roll call on the net Tuesday nights at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on 146.54 simplex. Scott will call for the Maple Valley ARES team members.



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Proposed Change to Tuesday Night Net

In order to encourage more participation, especially from new hams that may not have powerful enough equipment to 'get out' using simplex, I would like to change the Tuesday night schedule to the following:

First Tuesday of each month will be a simplex net using 146.54, same as before. This will allow for realistic testing in the event of an

actual emergency. The subsequent Tuesday night nets will be conducted on the MV repeater (147.26), in order to allow greater coverage and participation.

I propose that we announce this change on air on 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13 and also publish it in the next newsletter and announce it at the next Saturday in-person club meeting. This should be enough time and repetition for everyone to be aware of the changes.

Assuming all goes well, it is expected that we will start on the new rhythm on 4/20. Please send any questions or concerns to:

Paul Bokor, KF7AOR
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This newsletter and previous editions for about one year can be viewed and downloaded from our website <http://www.kc7key.org>. ARRL and ARES logos are registered ARRL service marks and are used with permission.

Membership information: An interest in amateur radio is the only requirement. Dues are \$16/year (\$8 for first additional family member, with remaining family members free). Beginning April 30th of each year, dues are payable. Contact Richard, 253-630-1426. Dues for new members are pro-rated based on the month of becoming a member. See the web page for the amount.

COMMITTEE HEADS

ARES Team Leader:	Scott	NS7C	
Education Liaison:	Peggy	KC7CLI	
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Technical Committee:			
Scott	NS7C	Steve	W7UDI
Rod	WE7X	Roger	K7RXV
Phil	WA7ZWD		
Web Site Administrator:	Scott	NS7C	



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KK7CB
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Academy
SSCC 8 am
to 5 pm

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SSCC 9 am
to 5 pm KE7MPJ
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NS7C O7PEN
* Ryan 147.260
KE7MAI

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Tuesday night net 8:00 PM,
146.540 MHz
Net Control Volunteer call
Chuck KK7CB 425-432-1119
for changes

* - Happy Birthday